

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 9:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us!

Here you have found a church home where believers congregates to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!



ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Creator of the Stars of Night

Plainsong

GATHERING

WELCOME

REFLECTION

God of life,

Surge through every cell of my being.

From my core through all that I am,

to all the world that surrounds me.

Through my fears,

My unknowings,

My dreams,

My detachments.

Let me know myself, and simply be.

And from that point, let me reach out to all my complexities,

gently,

lovingly.

I Am.

In the great "I AM"

From Women's Uncommon Prayers p. 41

GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.

Please take a moment to greet those near you.

GATHERING SONG

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

African American spiritual

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

PRAYER

WORD

READING

Luke 21:25-36

The good news from God, according to Luke.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

For additional devotion, you may wish to read and reflect on the rest of the assigned lectionary texts for the First Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, and 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

The children come forward for the children’s message.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

Serenity Prayer

Pr. Kwen Sanderson

A D Bm G D G D Bm

God our Fa - ther grant se - ren - i - ty to - day. Lead and guide us as we
Bro - ther Je - sus grant us cour - age for to - day. Give us life as we
Ho - ly Spir - it grant us wis - dom for to - day. Give us prayers as we

7 G A G D Bm D

tra - vel on our way. Lead us on, bring us home, lest we start to roam. God our
trav - el on our way. Lead us on, bring us home, lest we start to roam. Bro - ther
trav - el on our way. Lead us on, bring us home, lest we start to roam. Ho - ly

14 Bm G D G D G D

Fath - er grant se - ren - i - ty to - day. Lead us on, bring us home,
Je - sus grant us cour - age for to - day.
Spir - it grant us wis - dom for to - day.

21 Bm D Bm G D G D

lest we start to roam. Three - in - One, grant us all these gifts to - day.

PRAYERS

MEAL

OFFERING

Offerings may be placed in the basket in the narthex, or you can donate at saintmartins.org/giving or by texting "luther" and your gift amount to 73256.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Wisdom

John Gorka

Wisdom exists though it's not commonly found. It's got the loneliest howl of any dog in the pound. Wisdom persists. Wisdom swings free. What once worked for you, may not work for me. Wisdom will stick, it's a permanent bond. It tends to resist all the scum in the pond. Wisdom will stay. Wisdom hangs on. It's not like the news which is already gone. Wisdom arrives like a crude afterthought. Its modern value played down, because it cannot be bought. It might come soon. It sure comes slow. It's not all the facts, just what you need to know. Wisdom says so. Wisdom will fit, it won't use much space. Against all odds with no chemical trace. Wisdom hangs on, it knew your face when you were young, Wisdom's still free, but it doesn't come cheap. It's found in your dreams not on the nights you don't sleep. Wisdom persists, it has an elegant glow. It mostly consists of what you know you don't know. Wisdom says so.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. Gluten free wafers are available if requested.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

Blessed is the Name

Bob Dylan

Bless-ed is the name of the Lord for-ev-er Wis-dom and might are_ his_

5
Bless-ed is the name of the Lord_ for - ev - er Wis-dom and might are_ his_

8
_ are his! are his!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Blessed is the Name

Bob Dylan

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Ellen Williams - *preaching/presiding*

Tom Blomquist - *assisting minister*

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, vocals; Austin Haller, keyboards, vocals;
Darin Layne, guitar; Andrew Fuhrman, drums - *musicians*

Jim Parkhurst - *sound*

Eddie Jennings - *video*

Norm Hummell - *ushers*

ST. MARTIN'S PRAYERS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ali; Audrey Alpers; family and friends of Gerry Berens; Urban Bright; Stan Cravatt; Finn Dunoven; Ellen; Jeannine; Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay, CA; Lynn McClellan; Sandy Mobley; Frances Patch; Steve Pitner; Rachel, Josh, and Aiden Jefferson; the Richards family; Hayley Richardson; family and friends of Annette Sconci; family and friends of Lottie Smith; Roger and Carol Stafford; everyone suffering.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR

Terry Adcock; Nancy Anderson; Bob Aus; Alicia Badeusz; Emily Berggren; Patricia Byous; Eleanor and Dave; Sam Gourley; Dean Haynie; Ronnie Johnson; Peter Jordahl; Kara; Betsy Knauff; Walt Knauff; Arvid Larson; Pat Larson; Doris McGaughy; Helen Pegg; David Pierce; Jeff Puskos; Betty Staehr.

NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE: THE SAFE ALLIANCE

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